

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on March 15, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)  
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)  
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary  
David Niss, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 469  
SB 470  
SB 478

Executive Action: SB 219 BE CONCURRED IN AS  
AMENDED 15-2  
SB 398 BE CONCURRED IN 13-2  
SB 469 BE CONCURRED IN AS  
AMENDED 13-5  
SB 470 BE CONCURRED IN 14-1  
SB 478 BE CONCURRED IN 14-1

**HEARING ON SENATE BILL 478**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. CHRISTIAENS, SD 23,  
introduced the bill.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.6 - 2.6}***

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Mr. Daniel Boatman**, Montana Association of American Surgery  
Centers.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.6 - 5.4}***

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:** SEN. CHRISTIAENS closed.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.4 - 6.1}***

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 478**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. SIMON moved that SB 478 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried 14-1 with Molnar voting no. No proxies were  
received from REP. SQUIRES, REP. SHOCKLEY or REP. GUGGENHEIM.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.1 - 8.2}***

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 398**

**Motion/Vote:** REP. LENHART moved that SB 398 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried 13-2 with Clark and Molnar voting no. No proxies  
were received from REP. SQUIRES, REP. SHOCKLEY or REP.  
GUGGENHEIM.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.2 - 9.3}***

**HEARING ON SENATE BILL 469**

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. WATERMAN introduced the bill.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.3 - 12.8}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.8 - 14.3}

Ms. Michelle Hine, National Association of Social Workers.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.3 - 14.9}

Mr. Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Auto Dealer's Association.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.9 - 16.1}

Ms. Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.1 - 17}

Mr. Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 18.1}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.1 - 1:B:14.2}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. WATERMAN closed.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.2 - 15.2}

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 470

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. ECK introduced the bill.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.2 - 20.6}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Kirk Astroth, Children's Trust Fund, distributed  
**EXHIBIT** (huh58a01) and **EXHIBIT** (huh58a02).  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.6 - 25.7}

Ms. Sara Lipsumb, National Chapter to Prevent Child Abuse.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.7 - 27.2}

Ms. Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.2 - 27.9}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.9 - 30.7}*

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. ECK closed.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 30.7 - 32}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 470

Motion/Vote: REP. AHNER moved that SB 470 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried 14-1 with Molnar voting no. No proxies were  
received from REP. SQUIRES, REP. SHOCKLEY or REP. GUGGENHEIM.  
*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.1 - 2}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 219

Motion: REP. CLARK moved that SB 219 BE CONCURRED IN.  
*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.1 - 9.3}*

Motion: REP. SIMON moved that SB 219 BE AMENDED.  
*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.3 - 12.8}*

Discussion: Concerning the bill and proposed amendments to the  
bill **EXHIBIT** (huh58a03).  
*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.8 - 16.8}*

Vote: The question was called for on REP. SIMON'S motion that SB  
219 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.  
*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.8 - 17.3}*

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved that SB 219 BE AMENDED, see  
committee report for language. Motion carried unanimously.  
*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.3 - 19.5}*

Motion: REP. AHNER moved that SB 219 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion: Concerning the bill and amendments.  
*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.5 - 2:B:11.1}*

Vote: The question was called for on REP. AHNER'S motion that SB  
219 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 15-2 with Molnar  
and Jackson voting no. No proxy was received from Shockley.  
*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.1 - 13.3}*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE BILL 469**

**Motion:** REP. SCHMIDT moved that SB 469 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:** Concerning the bill.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.3 - 20.5}*

**Motion/Vote:** REP. HIBBARD moved that HB 469 BE AMENDED, see committee report for language. Motion carried unanimously.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.5 - 22.1}*

**Motion:** REP. HIBBARD moved that SB 469 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.1 - 24.7}*

**Vote:** The question was called for on REP. HIBBARD'S motion that SB 469 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 13-5 with Ahner, Brown, Simon, Molnar and Davies voting no.

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.7 - 26}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

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CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (huh58aad)**